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Reply Brief not considered. Please see attached letter.

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1. The reply brief filed on January 31, 2007 has not been considered because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.41(a). The reply brief should include the following items, with each item starting on a separate page, so as to follow the other requirements of a brief as set forth in 37CFR 41.37(c):

- (B) Status of claims page(s); and
- (C) Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal page(s).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott E. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-4438. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert E. Pezzuto can be reached on (571) 272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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